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SOLIS PRESENTS MEDALS TO AILING ROSEMEAD VETERAN

ROSEMEAD, CA- Today, Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-32) presented military commendations to honor the service of an ailing Rosemead veteran, Private Manuel Lopez Sanchez. After trying to obtain his medals for six decades, Mr. Sanchez finally obtained his overdue and much deserved medals through help from Congresswoman Solis.

“Despite his many war wounds, Mr. Sanchez is a survivor and a hero, and I believe that it is never too late to honor our heroes. His dedication is a shining example of bravery for future generations,” said Congresswoman Solis.

During Sanchez’s service in the military, he was shot several times, including on his right shoulder in North Africa. He was wounded 86 times by shrapnel during the Normandy Invasion. In February of this year, Mr. Sanchez’s medical tests revealed that he was seriously ill.

Private Sanchez is a life long resident of Rosemead. He enlisted into the United States Army in 1942 and was honorably discharged in 1945. He was trained as a Machine Gunner and one of his main responsibilities was training other soldiers during a voyage from New York to London on the Queen Mary.

Congresswoman Solis presented Private Sanchez the following medals: Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal & Silver Star Attachment, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award and the Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII. The Medal presentation took place at Private Sanchez’s residence in Rosemead, California. He was joined by his wife, Amalia, family members and friends.

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